1-1   By: Nelson   S.B. No. 127
1-2   (In the Senate - Filed November 27, 2012; January 29, 2013,
1-3   read first time and referred to Committee on Health and Human
1-4   Services; February 26, 2013, reported adversely, with favorable
1-5   Committee Substitute by the following vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0;
1-6   February 26, 2013, sent to printer.)

1-7   COMMITTEE VOTE

1-8		Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-9	Nelson	X			
1-10	Deuell	X			
1-11	Huffman	X			
1-12	Nichols	X			
1-13	Schwertner	X			
1-14	Taylor	X			
1-15	Uresti	X			
1-16	West			X	
1-17	Zaffirini	X			

1-18 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR S.B. No. 127   By: Nelson

1-19   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-20   AN ACT

1-21 relating to the creation of certain funding formulas and policies
1-22 and to certain public health evaluations by the Department of State
1-23 Health Services.
1-24   BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
1-25   SECTION 1. Subchapter D, Chapter 1001, Health and Safety
1-26 Code, is amended by adding Sections 1001.078 and 1001.079 to read as
1-27 follows:
1-28   Sec. 1001.078. FUNDING FORMULA; PUBLIC HEALTH EVALUATION.
1-29 (a) In this section:
1-30   (1) "Health service region" means a public health
1-31 region designated under Section 121.007.
1-32   (2) "Local health department" means a local health
1-33 department established under Subchapter D, Chapter 121.
1-34   (3) "Local health unit" has the meaning assigned by
1-35 Section 121.004.
1-36   (4) "Public health district" means a health district
1-37 established under Subchapter E, Chapter 121.
1-38   (b) The department, in collaboration with the Public Health
1-39 Funding and Policy Committee established under Section 117.051,
1-40 shall:
1-41   (1) develop funding formulas for federal and state
1-42 funds appropriated to the department to be allocated to local
1-43 health departments, local health units, public health districts,
1-44 and health service regions' regional headquarters, based on
1-45 population, population density, disease burden, social
1-46 determinants of health, local efforts to prevent disease, and other
1-47 relevant factors as determined by the department and committee;
1-48   (2) evaluate the feasibility and benefits of placing a
1-49 cap on the percentage of public health funds that can be used on
1-50 administrative costs at local health departments, local health
1-51 units, public health districts, and health service regions'
1-52 regional headquarters; and
1-53   (3) evaluate public health functions provided by the
1-54 department, local health departments, local health units, public
1-55 health districts, and health service regions' regional
1-56 headquarters and determine if another entity, including a private
1-57 entity, can provide those functions more effectively.
1-58   Sec. 1001.079. PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT POLICY. (a) In this
1-59 section, "local health department" means a local health department
1-60 established under Subchapter D, Chapter 121.

2-1   (b) The department shall create a policy to allow a local
2-2 health department flexibility, to the extent allowed under federal
2-3 law, in the use of personnel and other resources during disaster
2-4 response activities, outbreaks, and other appropriate public
2-5 health threats.
2-6   SECTION 2. Not later than October 1, 2014, the Department of
2-7 State Health Services shall:
2-8   (1) develop the funding formulas required by
2-9 Subdivision (1), Subsection (b), Section 1001.078, Health and
2-10 Safety Code, as added by this Act;
2-11   (2) submit to the governor, the lieutenant governor,
2-12 the speaker of the house of representatives, and appropriate
2-13 standing committees of the legislature a report on the findings
2-14 required by Subdivisions (2) and (3), Subsection (b), Section
2-15 1001.078, Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act; and
2-16   (3) create the policy required by Section 1001.079,
2-17 Health and Safety Code, as added by this Act.
2-18   SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.

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